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SUBJECT : Trip of Mr. Thomas Shannon, staff member
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He was met at Barajas Airport by the following: Mr. W. Pierce MacCoy, First Secretary of Embassy and Administrative Officer; Mr. C.B. Wicart, Chief Field Investigator of USOM, who had been assigned to act as control officer for the Embassy; Mr. Thomas J. Lewis, Chief of the Industry & Transportation Division of USOM; and Lieutenant Colonel Wade H. Robert, Sr., acting as control officer for MAAG.

Mr. Shannon was duly assisted through customs, transported by official car to deluxe quarters at the Hotel Castellana Hilton, and, as authorized, given 9,200 pesetas from Congressional Travel Account 19FT561.

On Friday, October 5, Mr. Shannon was escorted to Torrejon Air Base and shown the nearly completed facilities there by Colonel Robert. Upon his return he had a half-hour conference with Mr. Milton Barall, Counselor of Embassy for Economic Affairs and Deputy Director of USOM/Spain. Subjects covered were the Mutual Security Program and economic conditions in Spain. He also met Mr. Richard S. Aldrich, the Director, and Mr. Herbert C. Harris, the Controller. Afterwards, he had luncheon with other DVs at the Ambassador's residence.

The remainder of Mr. Shannon's visit was taken up with sightseeing, etc. He and fellow Congressional travelers went on an excursion to Segovia on Saturday, visited in the home of one of his escorts that evening, watched a jai alai match that night, shopped in the Rastro Sunday morning, attended a bull fight in the afternoon, and departed from Barajas Airport by TWA for Rome at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, October 6.

Reactions 100% favorable.

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Richard S. Aldrich, Director

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